

The Licensing Section Customer Service Centre 85 New Square Chesterfield S40 1AH

Dear Sir,

Brampton Rovers Holdings Limited

I wish to record my opposition to the application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 by Brampton Rovers Holdings Ltd on the Newbold Back Lane playing fields site.

We were extremely disturbed and distressed to read the details of the proposed use of the playing field premises for the purpose of plays, films, sporting events, live and recorded music and dancing, late night refreshments and consumption of alcohol.

The timing and duration of these events every day of the week from 08.00 to 02.00, is the most disturbing aspect of the proposal. The availability of alcohol to 3 o'clock every morning is likely to attract the most undesirable element to continue drinking when other licensed premises have closed.

Living about 200 yards (as the crow flies) from the playing fields, we can clearly hear shouting and cheering during football matches on Sunday mornings which is at a relatively low and unobtrusive volume. But the sounds of discos, live or recorded music, which are usually played at high volume, maybe for several hours, will be unacceptably intrusive.

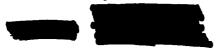
The undertaking given in the Noise Management Plan 'where possible windows and doors will be kept closed during periods of regulated entertainment' indicates that there will be times when the noise will not be contained, perhaps when windows are opened for ventilation in the absence of any air conditioning. A disco is a notoriously high volume event. Such activities are likely to create an unacceptable level of noise which can be heard over a wide area extending over many residential properties in Newbold Back Lane, Newbold Village, Upper Newbold and Loundsley Green,

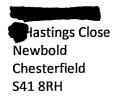
The Noise Management Plan also states that 'neighbours will be notified of any outdoor events going into the night'. Who do they consider to be neighbours, and how will they be notified? Also 'outdoor music played will be kept at acceptable level', but 'acceptable' is a matter of personal opinion - what is acceptable to one person may not be to another.

During the preparation of this letter I have just been given a copy of a letter which was delivered by hand yesterday, Saturday, to a neighbour, showing that Brampton Rovers have submitted an amendment to the hours in the original application. Although the opening hours have been cut back perhaps in an attempt to fend off further objections, it does not make it any more acceptable regarding noise levels.

I submit this letter of opposition to the application for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,







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